

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
05/10/2023 - MEETING - 7:00 PM - WEDNESDAY

This meeting was held via Zoom and Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Paul Collins, Recycling Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance at Town Hall Conference Room: Paul Collins-Recycling Coordinator and Pat Reilly
Via Zoom: Cindy Barrett, Garrett Harlow, Lucy Hussman, Annette Lott and Suzanne Rinaldi
Excused: Rod Zander

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting, held on April 12, 2023, were emailed to members for review. **IN A MOTION** made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Suzanne Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes. Voted unanimous.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE: Paul reported the following:

- **Compost bin update** - 13 bins are left to be picked up by residents, 3 more residents would like one, and they have been placed on a waiting list in case some of the remaining compost bins become available. A total of 64 bins were ordered and funds from the "Nickle for Nips Program" that totaled \$1,940 were used. The price of the bins did increase from the supplier during this compost bin program.
- **Phone calls** - calls were received of normal nature
- **USA Waste & Recycling meeting - April 14, 2023** - Paul Collins, Recycling Coordinator, and Todd Carusillo, First Selectman, met with Eric and Brian from USA Waste & Recycling regarding recycling options for commercial businesses in Goshen whether it be a basic blue bin or larger front loading recycling bin. Information will be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Goshen Town Topics** - Paul had asked members for article ideas for the next Town Topics. Discussion was had and members shared ideas for the article which included "Do's and Don'ts of Recycling", basic list of items, importance of recyclable items being cleaned such as pizza boxes to keep the stream clean at the recycling facility to deter rodents, a link to the movie about the new recycling facility and include highlights, the "NO'S of Recycling" - no styrofoam, no hard black plastics at this time, no metal pipes, and no plastic films (return to grocery stores). The idea of making available weatherproof stickers for the recycling bins with basic list of items was suggested.

- **Street Clean-Up** - Paul reported that a resident had suggested the idea of doing the street clean-up on a year round basis. Paul spoke with Erin Reilly, Goshen Recreation Department Director, regarding the idea.

Discussion was had regarding months to be included such as June through November, using Sign-up Genius like was done for the April Earth Day Clean Up through Goshen Recreation Department, promotional ideas such as a name for the program, and possible funds needed from Recycling and Trash for items such as garbage bags. Members were in favor of this idea.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** - Paul reported that the date is:

June 10, 2023 - Saturday

Falls Village Public Works Garage

100 Railroad Street, Falls Village, CT

8:30 AM to Noon

*Call Town Hall for a ticket - 860-491-2308 x228 - tickets are required to participate
for more information...<https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/news/household-hazardous-waste-june-10-2023>*

Paul asked members to let him know if they can volunteer to help at this event and he will inform the Northwest Hills Council of Governments.

ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Suzanne Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:17PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett

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Attest [Signature]
asst. Goshen Town Clerk